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SUBJECT: 29TH UNGA--KOREAN QUESTION

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1. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR YUNG KYOO KANG WHO VISITED NIAMEY FROM SEPTEMBER 11-17 REPORTS THAT DURING THIS PERIOD HE TALKED AT LENGTH WITH GON LEADERS IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY NIGER'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS ROK AND SOLICIT NIGER'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION AT UNGA. HE SEEMS TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT HIS WAS LARGELY EXERCISE IN FUTILITY IN THAT WHILE GON REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE FOR CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ROK IT WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON HOW THIS FRIENDSHIP WOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA AT UNGA.

2. AMBASSADOR KANG MET WITH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER BOULAMA MANGA, AND MFA SECRETARY
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OF STATE ALFIDJA, WHO CURRENTLY NUMBER TWO IN MFA. HE

DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION WITH EACH AND IN TURN
WAS TOLD THAT NIGER'S RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA WERE AS CLOSE
AS EVER AND THAT RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH
NORTH KOREA IN NO WAY DETRACTED FROM NIGER'S TIES WITH SOUTH
KOREA. KOUNTCHE TOLD AMBASSADOR KANG THAT NIGER'S DELEGATION
TO UNGA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ACT ON BASIS FOLLOWING GUIDE-
LINES REGARDING KOREAN QUESTIONS: A) NO OBJECTION TO
PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA; B) SUPPORT FOR
CONCEPT OF TWO KOREAS EVENTUALLY WORKING TOWARDS UNIFICATION;
AND C) SUPPORT FOR ANY MEASURES THAT WOULD PROMOTE PEACE IN AREA.

3. AMBASSADOR KANG SAID HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR NIGER'S
DECLARATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BUT WHEN HE PRESSED FURTHER FOR
MORE EXPLICIT COMMITMENT AND URGED NIGER'S CO-SPONSORSHIP
OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, ALL HE GOT WAS A PLAYBACK OF SAME
PLATITUDES. HE CONCLUDES ROK CANNOT COUNT ON NIGER'S
SUPPORT ON KOREAN QUESTION.HECK

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